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Mr. James F. Thompson
Associate Chief of Operations
International Broadcasting Division
Department of State
1775 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Thank you for your letter of 11 January 1949. I am informed that Mr. Thomas has already ordered one of the AT&T long lines extended to this office, and that AT&T has set up the date of 3 February for the change-over. As soon as the circuit is in, we will extend the "B" wire hours of operation to run from 6:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Mr. Thomas prefers not to authorize FBIS to reopen the circuit during off hours by direct request to AT&T, but assures us that his staff will be available at all hours to order the circuit reopened.

On the basis of your letter, positions for additional wire editors have been requested, and I anticipate that they will be approved. When these are filled, a 16-hour weekday service to New York will be possible.

Sincerely,

H. H. WHITE

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